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AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please rewrite claim 21 as follows:

21. A telephone system for providing economical use of differences in long distance tariff rates for international telephone service to subscribers, comprising a service center having a direct inward dial number assigned to each subscriber and an assigned call-back number recorded for each subscriber, a sensor for receiving the direct inward dial signal sent by the subscriber to the service center, a first outbound circuit from the service center over which the center dials the callback number of the subscriber when the [subscriber hangs up on the] direct inward dial [line] number is triggered and on which the subscriber enters the number of the called party, a second outbound circuit from the service center over which the center dials the number entered by the subscriber on the first circuit to reach the called party, and an automatic bridging device for bridging the subscriber on the first circuit to the called party on the second circuit, whereby the subscriber is telephonically linked to the called party without human intervention at the service center.